

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

DONATE LIFE MONTH

2007

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the United Network of Organ Sharing, more than 94,000 people are waiting for organ transplants nationally, and more than 2,800 of those people are in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, according to the United Network of Organ Sharing, there is a severe shortage of organ donors; and

WHEREAS, according to United Network of Organ Sharing, more than 6,000 people will die each year while waiting for a transplant due to this shortage of organ donors; and

WHEREAS, according to Carolina Donor Services, research shows that 62 percent of North Carolinians (in 78 counties) are aware of donation, yet only 22 percent of these respondents have discussed their wishes with their family; and

WHEREAS, dispelling facts and myths about donation is key to making an informed decision about becoming a donor; and

WHEREAS, each donor can save up to eight lives and enhance the lives of up to 50 people through donation; and

WHEREAS, North Carolinians are encouraged to get the facts about donation and discuss their wishes with their families, and if they decide to become donors, sign a legal donor card and put the heart on their license;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2007, as **"DONATE LIFE MONTH"** in North Carolina and commend this observance to our citizens.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-third day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.